Hannah to Face Quiz On MSU Aid Mission

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EAST LANSING, Mich., April 15 (UPI)—A lawmaker said today that the president of Michigan State University would be called before a subcommittee of the Michigan Legislature next month to explain the involvement of five Central Intelligence Agency men in an MSU aid mission to Vietnam.

Rep. Jack Faxon (D-Detroit) said MSU President John A. Hannah told him he would be glad to testify before Faxon's House Subsommittee on Higher Education.

Faxon said he hoped Hannah's testimony would help clear up conflicting statements by MSU officials. He said Hannah told him he did not know the CIA men were working with the MSU aid mission.

"He said he did not know of it and that when he learned of it he immediately took steps to sever the relationship," Faxon said.

This contrasted sharply with statements Thursday by the former chief of the MSU Viet mission, who said school officials were well aware that five CIA operatives were employed on the project.

"There was no secret about it," said Prof. Wesley Fishel. He categorized as "a lot of nonsense" an official university statement to the effect that the school was not aware the five employes were CIA men.

Fishel said, however, that the men performed "no cloak and dagger work. "They were employed by the university simply to train the Vietnamese civil police in countersubversive activities."

James Denison, MSU's public relations manager, had said the university did not know the men were agents. Denison made the comment in reply to an article in Ramparts magazine charging that the school had provided academic "cover" to the CIA agents in violation of the 1954 Geneva agreement.

The university was hired by the State Department from 1954 to 1962 to train a civil police force and set up a civil service organization for South Vietnam.